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SUBJECT: EXAMINATION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
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SUMMARY. THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE TEST OF A REPORT BY THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE MONITORING GROUP OF THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS
AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE (COEC) ON SUBJECT. THE THRUST OF THE
REPORT IS THAT ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS NOW EXIST FOR EXCHANGING
INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE BOTH OUTSIDE AND WITHIN THE NATO
AREA. THIS BEING THE CASE, ADDITIONAL MACHINERY OR DIRECTIVES
ARE UNNECESSARY SO LONG AS MEMBER NATIONS FOLLOW ESTABLISHED
PROCEDURES IN C-M(71)1. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON APPROVAL
FOR MISSION TO ACCEPT REPORT WHEN CONSIDERED BY COEC JULY 1.
IN CONNECTION WITH SUBSEQUENT REVIEW OF C-M(71)1 (SEE REFTTEL),
WE COULD SEEK EXPLICIT PROVISIONS FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
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ON IMPORTANT MATTERS OUTSIDE NATO AREA AS WELL AS WITHIN TREATY
AREA, AS PROVIDED FOR BY PARA 10(B) OF REPORT. END SUMMARY.

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COEC MONITORING GROUP
EXAMINATION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF
INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND TENSION
OUTSIDE THE NATO AREA

REFERENCES: (A) WRM/74/65 DATED 27TH MARCH 1974
(B) C-M(71)1
(C) C-M(72)46 ANNEX D

1. BACKGROUND

THE 1973 MIDDLE EAST WAR RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE
ABILITY OF THIS HEADQUARTERS TO MONITOR AND ASSESS THE
IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO OF A CRISIS SITUATION OCCURRING OUTSIDE
THE NATO AREA.

2. BY REFERENCE (A) THE MONITORING GROUP OF THE COEC
WAS CHARGED WITH AN EXAMINATION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY
TO ENSURE THAT NATO HQ WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO MONITOR AND
ASSESS ANY CRISIS SITUATION OUTSIDE THE NATO AREA.

3. DEFINITION

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PAPER THE EXPRESSION
"A CRISIS SITUATION OUTSIDE THE NATO AREA" IS DEFINED AS
BEING A CRISIS SITUATION WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SUCH
AND WHICH DOES NOT INVOLVE A DIRECT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN
THE WARSAW PACT AND NATO BUT WHICH COULD HAVE SUBSEQUENT
POLITICAL, MILITARY OR ECONOMIC EFFECTS ON NATO OR ITS
MEMBER NATIONS. THUS A CRISIS SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA OR A
RENEWAL OF MIDDLE EAST HOSTILITIES COULD INITIALLY FALL
INTO THIS CATEGORY BUT A CRISIS AT SEA WITHIN NATO'S
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MARITIME AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY WOULD NOT.

4. LIMITATIONS OF THE PAPER

THIS PAPER DOES NOT DEAL WITH THE LONG TERM
CONSIDERATIONS OF POTENTIAL CRISIS SITUATIONS OUTSIDE THE
NATO AREA.

5. DISCUSSION

GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF NATO AND THE WORLD-WIDE
RESPONSIBILITIES AND INTERESTS OF MEMBER NATIONS, IT IS
DIFFICULT TO CONCEIVE OF ANY CRISIS SITUATION WHICH WOULD NOT

AFFECT NATO EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY. FURTHERMORE, EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL ALWAYS ATTEMPT TO CAPITALISE ON ANY CRISIS IN ORDER TO DISCOMFORT THE WEST, IT THEREFORE BEHOVES THE NATO AUTHORITIES TO BE IN A POSITION TO MONITOR AND ASSESS A DEVELOPING SITUATION WHENEVER IT MAY ARISE.

6. POLITICAL AND MILITARY INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE TO NATO HQ ON OTHER COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IS POOR BY COMPARISON WITH THAT AVAILABLE ON THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES AND THIS FACT WILL MAKE IT MORE THAN EVER IMPORTANT THAT NATO MEMBER NATIONS PROVIDE AS MUCH DETAILED INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ONCE A CRISIS STARTS TO DEVELOP OUTSIDE THE NATO AREA. SUCH INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED IN ANY WAY AND SHOULD COVER THE FULL SPECTRUM OF POLITICO/MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

7. EXISTING MACHINERY FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE

C-M(71)1 LAYS DOWN THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE WITHIN THE ALLIANCE BOTH IN PEACETIME AND IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND TENSION. C-M(71)1 DOES NOT LIMIT THE SCOPE OF INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE WHICH SHOULD BE EXCHANGED TO COVER THE NATO AREA ONLY.

8. THE NEED FOR AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE
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IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT C-M(71)1 IS NOT LIMITED IN SCOPE, THE MONITORING GROUP DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT A NEED EXISTS NOR THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EXCHANGING INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE TO MEET A CRISIS OUTSIDE THE NATO AREA. HOWEVER, THE GROUP WISHES TO RE-EMPHASISE THE IMPERATIVE NEED FOR NATIONS TO PROVIDE ALL AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION WHEN A DEVELOPING SITUATION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:

(A) THE COEC TAKE NOTE OF THIS REPORT AND INFORM THE COUNCIL OF ITS CONTENT;

(B) THE FORTHCOMING REVISION OF C-M(71)1 SHOULD EMPHASISE THE FACT THAT THE EXISTING MACHINERY IS VALID FOR ALL SITUATIONS;

(C) THAT NATIONS BE MADE AWARE OF THE IMPERATIVE NEED FOR THEM TO PROVIDE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND

INTELLIGENCE AND IN PARTICULAR THEIR ASSESSMENTS
OF THE SITUATION IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND TENSION
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